

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/776,724

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 07/05/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,8,9 and 18-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to amendment filed 07/05/2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1,2,4,8,9,18-21 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1,2,4,8,9,21 are allowed for the inclusion of means for storing ballast fault record in a memory if said evaluated startup voltage data indicates inoperability of said lamp assembly ballast, and means for releasably electrically connecting test circuit to lamp assembly ballast includes wire clip assembly having first and second set of wire clips configured to releasably receive a wire from lamp system ballast and a wire from at least one lamp.

Claims 18-20 are allowed for the inclusion of wire clip assembly situated in the casing and having a plurality of wire receiving clips for releasably receiving wires from said lamp assembly ballast and said at least one lamp, said wire receiving clips electrically connecting said wires and a plurality of wire release buttons coupled to respective wire receiving clips, each wire release button including a color indicia corresponding to a color of a respective wire and memory

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in said test circuit for obtaining voltage data from said lamp assembly ballast for evaluation indicative of operability of said lamp assembly ballast.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Jones (US 6,097,191 A) discloses diagnostic device for testing high intensity discharge lamp fixtures comprising self-contained unit that can be connected across the ballast in the fixture by use of an adapter 70 that screws into the fixture socket (Fig. 2).

Crowe et al. (US 4,729,740 A) discloses Fluorescent lamp ballast having integral connector to facilitate ballast testing.

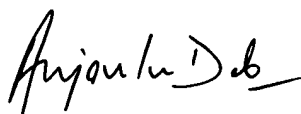
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

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